

**Proposed Substitute
Bill No. 5229**

LCO No. 3174

**AN ACT CHANGING CERTAIN REPORTING REQUIREMENTS IN THE
STATE CODES OF ETHICS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (k) of section 1-84 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
3 *passage*):

4 (k) No public official, spouse of the Governor or state employee
5 shall accept a fee or honorarium for an article, appearance or speech, or
6 for participation at an event, in the public official's, spouse's or state
7 employee's official capacity, provided a public official, Governor's
8 spouse or state employee may receive payment or reimbursement for
9 necessary expenses for any such activity in his or her official capacity
10 from a sponsor of the event. If a public official, Governor's spouse or
11 state employee receives such a payment or reimbursement for lodging
12 or out-of-state travel, or both, the public official, Governor's spouse or
13 state employee shall, not later than thirty days thereafter, file a report
14 of the payment or reimbursement with the Office of State Ethics,
15 unless the payment or reimbursement is provided by the federal
16 government or another state government. If a public official,
17 Governor's spouse or state employee does not file such report within
18 such period, either intentionally or due to gross negligence on the
19 public official's, Governor's spouse's or state employee's part, the

20 public official, Governor's spouse or state employee shall return the
21 payment or reimbursement. If any failure to file such report is not
22 intentional or due to gross negligence on the part of the public official,
23 Governor's spouse or state employee, the public official, Governor's
24 spouse or state employee shall not be subject to any penalty under this
25 chapter. When a public official, Governor's spouse or state employee
26 attends an event in this state in the public official's, Governor's
27 spouse's or state employee's official capacity and as [a principal
28 speaker] an active participant at such event and receives admission to
29 or food or beverage at such event from the sponsor of the event, such
30 admission or food or beverage shall not be considered a gift and no
31 report shall be required from such public official, spouse or state
32 employee or from the sponsor of the event. As used in this subsection,
33 "active participant" means a speaker, panelist, moderator of a panel or
34 presenter of an award who provides substantive official service to the
35 sponsor of the event.

36 Sec. 2. Section 1-96e of the general statutes is repealed and the
37 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

38 Each registrant who pays or reimburses a public official or state
39 employee ten dollars or more for necessary expenses, as defined in
40 section 1-79, shall, within [thirty] forty-five days, file a statement with
41 the Office of State Ethics indicating the name of such individual and
42 the amount of the expenses.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	1-84(k)
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	1-96e